

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

April 19, 2007

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Research Agreement between the University of Michigan and Omni Sciences Inc.

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research Development and Administration while reviewing the current proposed project which then triggered a review by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflicts of interest was then developed by the Committee and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed research agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Dr. Mohammed N. Islam, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS), is sole owner of a for profit company, Omni Sciences Inc. (hereinafter "Company"). The Company wishes to enter into a research agreement. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Mohammed N. Islam, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences (EECS), is sole owner of the Company. The Company wishes to have the University participate as a subcontractor under a contract that the Company has received from the Department of Defense related to the licensed technology. The role of Dr. Islam in the project is described in the Company's project statement and the conflict of interest management plan.

Agreement Terms:

The proposed project will constitute a sub project to the University to provide services under the Company's grant from DOD. The sub project is to be conducted over an initial two-year period at an estimated total cost of \$247,210. The terms of the proposed Agreement conform to University policies including those related to intellectual property, publication and cost recovery. Since research projects are often amended, the master agreement includes provisions for changes in time, amount, and scope of sub projects. University procedures

for approval of such extensions will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement enables a follow-on research project to be performed promoting understanding and application of mid-infrared fibers for homeland security as well as industrial and analytical chemistry applications. It also provides for collaboration between the University and a Michigan start-up company.

Recommendation:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the OVPR Conflict of Interest Review Committee and by the Associate Dean for Research of the College of Engineering. In light of the disclosure made in this document and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve of the University's entering into this Agreement with Omni Sciences, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Forrest". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Stephen R. Forrest  
Vice President for Research

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